

What is claimed:

1           1.    A method of providing dynamic quality of service (QoS)  
2    in an IP network which handles IP packets and being of the type  
3    which uses RSVP (Resource Reservation Protocol) aggregation and  
4    differentiated services architecture (Diffserv), said Diffserv  
5    comprising a Diffserv domain including Border Routers (BR) and  
6    Core Routers (CR), said method comprising the steps of:

7                managing dynamic provisioning of QoS in each Diffserv  
8    domain by using a bandwidth broker (BB) which communicates using  
9    a predetermined protocol, and maintaining/storing RSVP  
10   aggregated states by/in the bandwidth broker to the exclusion of  
11   Border Routers.

1           2.    A method as in claim 1 wherein the step of managing  
2    comprises using a BB which obtains resource availability  
3    information by communicating only with BRs to the exclusion of  
4    Crs, said BB also having an aggregator and deaggregator  
5    functionality.

1           3.    A method as in claim 2, including the step of using a  
2    plurality of types of BBs and causing the BBs to interact by  
3    using RSVP aggregation.

1           4. A method as in claim 2, including the step of  
2     refreshing a reservation of resources, which reservation has  
3     been accomplished during a previous refreshment period, and  
4     including the step of not refreshing reserved resources in each  
5     Diffserv domain which resources have to be released in a next  
6     refreshment period.

1           5. A method as in claim 1 which said BB is capable of  
2     using an RSVP aggregation protocol, including the step of  
3     managing stored RSVP aggregation states, and selectively  
4     resizing an RSVP aggregated state pursuant to a new end to end  
5     RSVP request.

1           6. A method as in claim 1 including the step of using  
2     Load Control Protocol, and managing, by use of a BR, resource  
3     availability and admission control into Core routers and an  
4     interior of said Diffserv domain.

1           7. A method in claim 4 including the step of using a BB  
2     in combination with BRs managing the step of refreshing  
3     reservation of resources.

1           8. A method as in claim 6 wherein the BRs contain a  
2 reservation state which stores a total amount of resources which  
3 were reserved by the Load Control Protocol .

1           9. A method as in claim 8 wherein a BB comprises a BB  
2 Aggregator and including updating the reservation state if the  
3 BB Aggregator is requesting modification or if resource  
4 conditions in the Diffserv network including core routers,  
5 suddenly change.

1           10. A method as in claim 1 which additionally uses  
2 integrated services architecture (Intserv), including the step  
3 of achieving interoperability between Intserv and Diffserv by  
4 using an edge router.

1           11. A method as in claim 1 which additionally uses  
2 integrated service architecture (Intserv), including the step of  
3 achieving interoperability between Intserv and Diffserv by using  
4 a Bandwidth Broker Deaggregator.

1           12. A method as in claim 1 including the step of using  
2 Common Open Policy Services (COPS) protocol as the predetermined  
3 protocol for direct communication by the BB.

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1           13. A method as in claim 1 including the step of using  
2 Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) as the predetermined  
3 protocol for direct communication by the BB.

1           14. In an IP network of the type which handles IP packets  
2 and uses Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) aggregation and  
3 differentiated services architecture (Diffserv), said Diffserv  
4 comprising a Diffserv domain including Border Routers (BR) and  
5 Core Routers (CR), a method of providing end to end quality of  
6 service (QoS) on demand, comprising the steps of: managing  
7 dynamic provisioning of QoS in each Diffserv domain by using  
8 a bandwidth broker (BB) which communicates using a predetermined  
9 protocol; and storing RSVP aggregated states in said bandwidth  
10 broker.

1           15. A method as in claim 1 wherein the step of managing  
2 comprises using a BB which obtains resource availability  
3 information by communicating only with BRs to the exclusion of  
4 CRs.

1           16. A method as in claim 15, including the step of using  
2 a plurality of types of BBs and causing BBs to interact by using  
3 RSVP aggregation.

1           17    A method as in claim 15, including the step of  
2   refreshing a reservation of resources, which reservation has  
3   been accomplished during a previous refreshment period.

1           18.   A method as in claim 14 wherein said BB is capable of  
2   using an RSVP aggregation protocol, including the step of  
3   managing stored RSVP aggregation states.

1           19.   A method as in claim 14 including the step of a border  
2   router using Load Control Protocol and its successors, and  
3   managing, by use of a BR, resource availability and admission  
4   control into core routers and an interior of said Diffserv  
5   domain.

1           20.   A method as in claim 14 which additionally uses  
2   integrated service architecture (Intserv), including the step of  
3   achieving interoperability between Intserv and Diffserv by using  
4   an edge router, and a border router informing the BB about  
5   resources that are reserved by a Load Control Protocol and its  
6   successors.

1           21.   A method as in claim 14 which additionally uses  
2   integrated service architecture (Intserv), including the step of

3 achieving interoperability between Intserv and Diffserv by using  
4 a Bandwidth Broker Deaggregator.

1 22. A method as in claim 14` including the step of using  
2 Common Open Policy Service (COPS) protocol as the predetermined  
3 protocol for direct communication by the BB.

1 23. A method as in claim 14 including the step of using  
2 Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) as the predetermined  
3 protocol for direct communication by the BB.

1 24. A bandwidth broker which operates using the method of  
2 claim 1.

1 25. A bandwidth broker which operates using the method of  
2 claim 11.

1 26. A bandwidth broker aggregator which operates using the  
2 method of claim 1.

1 27. A bandwidth broker aggregator which operates using the  
2 method of claim 11.

1           28. A bandwidth broker deaggregator which operates using  
2           the method of claim 1.

1           29. A bandwidth broker deaggregator which operates using  
2           the method of claim 11.

1           30. A border router which operates using the method of  
2           claim 1.

1           31. A border router which operates using the method of  
2           claim 11.

1           32. A core router which operates using the method of  
2           claim 1.

1           33. A core router which operates using the method of  
2           claim 11.

1           34. A differential services architecture which comprises  
2           one of a band width broker aggregator, a band width broker  
3           deaggregator, a border router, and a core router, operating  
4           using the method of claim 1.

1           35. A differential services architecture which comprises  
2 one of a band width broker aggregator, a band width broker  
3 deaggregator, a border router, and a core router, operating  
4 using the method of claim 11.

1           36. A network subsystem for providing dynamic quality of  
2 service (QoS) in an IP network which handles IP packets, the  
3 network using Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) aggregation  
4 and differentiated services architecture (Diffserv) including at  
5 least one Diffserv domain including Border Routers(BR) and Core  
6 Routers(CR), said network subsystem comprising a bandwidth  
7 broker (BB) which manages dynamic provisioning of QoS in each  
8 Diffserv domain, using a predetermined protocol, said bandwidth  
9 broker including stored RSVP aggregated states.

1           37. A network subsystem as in claim 36 wherein the  
2 Diffserv domain includes Border Routers (BRs) and Core Routers  
3 (CRs), and wherein the BB obtains resource availability  
4 information by communicating with BRs.

1           38. A network subsystem as in claim 37, comprising a  
2 plurality of BBs including Bandwidth Broker Aggregators and  
3 Bandwidth Broker Deaggregators controlling RSVP aggregation.





3 network using Resource Reservation Protocol (RSVP) aggregation  
4 and differentiated services architecture (Diffserv) having at  
5 least one Diffserv domain and including Border Routers (BRs) and  
6 Core Routers (CRs) as specified in claim 1, comprising: a  
7 bandwidth broker (BB) which manages dynamic provisioning of QoS  
8 in each Diffserv domain, using a predetermined protocol, said BB  
9 querying only BRs to the exclusion of CRs.

1 45. A network subsystem as in claim 44 wherein the BB  
2 refreshes an already made reservation of resources which  
3 reservation has been accomplished during a previous refreshment  
4 period.

1 46. A network subsystem as in claim 44 wherein the BB is  
2 capable of using an RSVP aggregation protocol and is able to  
3 store and manage RSVP aggregation states.

1 47. A network subsystem as in claim 44, which is capable  
2 of using Load Control Protocol and wherein a BR enables managing  
3 resource availability and admission control into an interior of  
4 said Diffserv domain.

1           48. A network subsystem as in claim 44 wherein the  
2     predetermined protocol comprises common open policy service  
3     (COPS) protocol for direct communication by the BB.

1           49. A network subsystem as in claim 44 wherein the  
2     predetermined protocol comprises Simple Network Management  
3     Protocol (SNMP) for direct communication by the BB.

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